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A Thought from Mark...

Has God given you up? Or, has God given up on you?

"No way!" you say. "God never gives anyone up!"

Oh, but read Romans chapter 1. Three times the inspired apostle says "God gave them up" – vs. 24, 26, and 28. Sometimes God does give up and give people over to the rebellious sin they have indulged themselves in. It is not a pretty picture at all.

When does this happen in an individual's life? Probably only God knows – it would be foolhardy and dangerous for us to think we could name the time and place and the people whom God gives up in this way. But we know from Scripture and from practical observation that it happens.

Perhaps the best we can do is be aware of the danger signs. What is it that shows a person is nearing this sad end? Well, certainly, unbelief. Lack of faith. Refusal to submit to the will of God. Though our God is infinitely merciful and greatly longsuffering, there is a limit to what He will put up with. He is after all, a just God. He is a God that can be filled with righteous indignation and wrath.

Other signs would be a hardening of the heart. A stiffening of the neck. An increasing pride to the point that we cannot be taught or corrected. A feeling that we are never wrong and pity the person that ever challenges anything we think or say. If we cannot listen to other people, if we cannot learn from other people – especially God – we are in a sad spiritual state and on a terribly slippery slope toward being given up in the Romans 1 sense.

If our conscience is being slowly but surely destroyed to the point that when it is confronted with truth that would correct our behavior we feel no tinge whatsoever, we are in a perilous place before the living God. God gave us a conscience at our creation. It is there for a reason. We can wreck it. The Scripture say we can "sear" it and defile it (1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 1:15). Our spirits can grow cold to God and His rule over our life. Things we once knew to be wrong over time can become no big deal to us. Things we once knew to be right and things we ought to do faithfully can become unimportant as our consciences are eaten up by worldliness.

It can happen. It happens all the time. Romans chapter 1 is not just about the ungodly and idolatrous people out there in the world. Romans was written to the church of God – to Christians. It can happen to us. Search yourself. Examine yourself to see if you be in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). Be alert – keep watch. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

-Mark Mason

Dangerous Assumptions – Part 3

We have been considering assumptions we tend to make about people and how likely they are to be receptive to the gospel. The best way to avoid assumptions is to gather as much information from the person as we can by having meaningful conversations and listening to what they have to say.

Assumption #3 – We can't reach them because they would not be interested.

Some of the people we know are satisfied with their life. They are very busy with work and play, and don't seem to have time or interest for anything religious. They are not bad people, in fact they may be very good friends or neighbors, always willing to help out and never causing problems. But they don't seem to us like people who think they are lost, or feel like they are missing something.

We cannot assume they would not be interested in the gospel! It may be that no one has every talked with them about God. Just because they are satisfied with their life does not mean their attitude would continue when confronted with the concepts of a Creator, or a Savior, or heaven, or judgment.

It is possible they would not see the need to obey the gospel. Perhaps they would scoff at the idea of a God who would send anyone to hell. But you won't know for sure until you ask! Maybe by discussing your faith with them you could get them thinking about the purpose of their life, and what happens after death. You may find that they have been thinking about these things for years, but never knew where to go for the answers.

Let us never assume that someone will not want to hear about Jesus. Such assumptions are dangerous for the souls of those we might reach, and dangerous for our own souls as well. Let us make our decisions after gathering all the facts we can. Let us give the other person an opportunity to tell us how they feel. They might just tell us they are looking for a Savior!

Dennis



**Please come back and join
us this evening for a special
singing Service at 6 PM!**

Prayer Requests

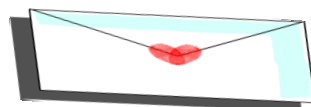
HOSPITAL

- * Cordell Dodrill (friend of Nina Rebholz) - age 14 in Nationwide Children's Hospital Room 12A18. He has cancer.
- * Judeya Carpenter (Judy Beckett's great nephew) - 8 years old is home now and doing better.
- * Glenna Radcliff (Jerry Lemley's sister) - had surgery on Wednesday.
- * Ashlynn Bredon (Mary Lamp's granddaughter) - in the hospital in Greensboro, NC.
- * Judy Beckett - fell and broke her ankle and her leg and is now at Parkersburg Care and Rehab. Room 110.
- * Paula Garner - is home. Goes back to Cleveland Tuesday March 20th for instructions. All therapy can be done at Strecker in Marietta.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Bessie Maston (Rita Taylor's mother) - needs prayer.
- * Adam Wharton (Anita Miller's brother) is home from the hospital.
- * Shana Parsons (friend of Fran Talbert) is starting treatment for a rare type of cancer.
- * Scott Dunn (Judy Beckett's nephew, who is a Deacon in Huntington) complications from diabetes.

BULK CARD COLLECTION & MAILING



- Eli Clark (Get Well/Thinking of You)
- Bessie Maston (Rita Taylor's mother) (Thinking of You)
- Judy Beckett (Get Well)
- Glenna Lemley Radcliff (Get Well/Thinking of You)
- Ken Minor (Fred and Virginia Folger's son in law) (Thinking of You)
- Judy Dunn
- Barbara Simons (Becca Simons' mother)
- Marie Cooper
- Cynthia Barker (Get Well)
- Cordell Dodrill (friend of Nina Rebholz)
- Eva Leonhart
- Judy Beckett's granddaughter Megan

These can be left in the blue wire basket on the wall by the Deacon's desk. We will take care of mailing.

There will be extra cards at the desk to use if you would like.

- Alice Hale

Ohio Valley University's Chorus is going to Romania!!

As a fundraiser for their trip there will be a Pampered Chef party on March 25th at 2pm at OVU. It will be in room 139. There will be food and the newest kitchen products. Please come and support this trip. Laura Hamm is the chorus director.



OVU's Student Variety Show!!

7:30 PM at the Erickson Theater, OVU South Campus on College Parkway.

Purchase tickets at the door or at www.ovu.edu. March 22-24.



**YOUNG AT HEART
CHARLIE & NANCY SAMS BREAKFAST**
Thursday, March 22, 2018—9:30 AM—MP Room

*Bring your favorite breakfast food.
Sausage gravy & biscuits and drinks will be provided.*
Sign Up Sheet is in the Foyer



Note to YAH:

Family Crisis Center needs the following items:

- Trash Bags
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels

(Bring to the 3/22 breakfast)

Sun — Mar 18	Mon — Mar 19	Tues — Mar 20	Wed — Mar 21	Thurs— Mar 22	Fri — Mar 23	Sat— Mar 24
BELIEVE TEACHER(S): Janna Menear Early Men's Class 7:30 AM		LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM	BELIEVE TEACHER(S): Janna Menear 1:00 Class Dennis Menear		Friday Night Sing Waverly Camden Avenue Bus 6:30 PM	
Sun — Mar 25	Mon — Mar 26	Tues — Mar 27	Wed — Mar 28	Thurs— Mar 29	Fri — Mar 30	Sat— Mar 31
BELIEVE TEACHER(S): To Be Announced Early Men's Class 7:30 AM		LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM	BELIEVE TEACHER(S): To Be Announced 1:00 Class Dennis Menear		Friday Night Sing Rosemar Road No Bus Scheduled	

Acts 15:1-11

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, p\Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses." The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

Birthdays This Week

MON (3/19)
Helen Sweeney

TUE (3/20)
Amy Houser

WED (3/21)
Ruth Brookover

Save the Date (Upcoming Events):

March 18-22 Gospel Meeting - Harmar Hill CofC - Marietta, OH
(Speaker: Ron Thomas)

March 19 Christian Skate Night @ Skate Country
(6:30 PM - 8:30 PM)

April 1-4 Gospel Meeting -Pike Church of Christ - Ellenboro, WV

April 8-11 Ohio Valley University's Bible Lectureship

April 13-15 Parenting Youth Seminar @ Camden Avenue CofC
(Speaker: Lonnie Jones from Huntsville, AL)

May 1 Senior Saints Day @ Lubeck CofC
(Speaker: Eddie Cooper from St. Albans, WV)

Quilting Meeting!

Anyone that is interested please come regardless of skill level.
March 31st
(9AM - 11AM) in the Multipurpose Room.
Any questions? see Debi Milhoan.
(there is a slide of the pattern on the overhead)

TODAY'S SERMONS - March 18, 2018

A.M.— "The God Who Knows Your Heart" Mark Mason
(Text: Acts 15:1-11) (Reading: John 12:12-19)

P.M.— "Singing Our Faith" Mark Mason

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Week of 3-11-2018

Sunday AM Bible Class	98
Sunday AM Worship	185
Sunday PM Service	91
Offering	\$4,428.27
Wednesday Bible Class	83

PRAYERS FOR:

ELDERS

Terry Garner
Tim Kirl
Jack Long
Mike Moss
Jim Shuman

DEACONS

Tim Baillargeon
Randy Craig
John Eckhart
John Garner
Chuck Jones
Jerry Lemley
Dennis Menear
Troy Miller
Dan Mincks
Jim Taylor

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Our Long Term Care Residents:

Betty Bibbee
(Eagle Point Rm127)
Edna Cain
(The Willows Rm115)
Jerry Page
(Eagle Point Rm334)
Peggy Smith
(Marietta Care & Rehab Rm408)
Myra Zinn
(Cedar Grove Rm W60)

Our Military:

Chris Depuy & wife Melanie
U.S. Air Force
(son of Jeff & Julie Depuy)
Brad Gibbs & wife Amber
U.S. Navy Reserve
(grandson of Kelly & Genny Gibbs)
Chad Williamson
U.S. Marines
(grandson of Pat Williamson)
Anthony Worst
U.S. Marines
(nephew of Michelle Hershman)
Steven White
U.S. Navy

Our Law Enforcement/First Responders:

Patrolman Walker Wright
(Parkersburg Police Department)
Patrolman Tim Kashorek
(Parkersburg Police Department)
Deputy Evan Michael
(Sheriff of Wood County)

Our Homebound Members:

Ruth Brookover	Ron & Jo Kress
Ben Colantoni	Laura Menear
Gladys Frohling	Becca Simons
Jim Hart	

Those with Cancer:

Delena Joy (Judy Beckett's friend), Ron Robey (Judy Beckett's brother), Donna George (Eva Leonhart's neighbor), Dorothy Saunders (friend of Martha & Dave Berger), Faye Williams (Glenda Hendrickson's niece), Brenda Nulter (Fred Nulter's sister-in-law), Mary Thompson (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), Emily Friar (10 yr. old niece of Jim & Rita Taylor), Troy Rae and Brandon Lynch (Mary Lamp's nephews), Josh Beckett (Judy's great nephew), Mike Taylor (Cousin of Sarah Shuman), Donald Kelley (Jim's brother), Jon Gregg (husband of Sarah Shuman's niece, Adreama), James Nonamaker (Bud's brother), Benny Weese (Reba McDaniel's brother), Judy Dunn (sister of John & Mark Lamp, Pat Hill, & Karen Hoover).

Ongoing Health Issues:

Dale Dotson, Chuck Doyle, Bill Butterfield, Fred Nulter, Bob Schott, Helen Sweeney, Ruth Brookover, Ben Colantoni, Don Bibbee, Ron Kress, Jim Kelley, Norma Craig, Jim Hart, Ed Lemley, Bud Nonamaker, Peggy Smith, Jody Boone, Ann Grimm, Cathy Deem, Judy Beckett, Becca Simons (Mary's granddaughter), Joyce Dotson, Dave Shreve (Jack & Carolyn Long's son-in-law), Carter Nichols (Curkendall's grandson), Wayne & Sherry McCray (Brother and sister-in-law of Judy Curkendall), Marybelle Ice (Mother of Martha Berger), Travis Parsons (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), Wayne Hall (Karen Case's brother), Ed Porter (cousin of Judy Curkendall), Kimberly Kellar Kirk (niece of Judy Curkendall), Marilyn Hayhurst (Paula Garner's sister), Cynthia Barker (Karen Case's daughter), Ken Minor (husband of Jean Minor), Judy Beckett's granddaughter Megan, Jeannie Tackett (Judy Beckett's friend), Alice Wharton (Anita Miller's mother)

Privileged to Serve - Week of 3/25/2018

*Join Us for Worship/
Study:*

**Sunday Morning
Bible Study**
9:30 AM

**Sunday Morning
Worship**
10:30 AM

**Sunday Evening
Worship**
6:00 PM

**Wednesday
Bible Study**
7:00 PM

MARCH

Announcements:
Dennis Menear, Jack Long

Visitor Table:
Alice Hale

Ushers:
Chuck Jones*, Mike O'Dell, Zack Jones

Communion Table (Front):
Cary Carothers, Ted Cramer,
Paul McDaniel, Rick Kellar

Communion (Rear):
Paul Butterfield, Sonny Williamson,
Matthew Butterfield, Ron Grizzard,
Ray Hoover, Ethan Kirl

	SUN 3/25 AM	SUN 3/25 PM	WED 3/28
Song Leader	Jay Houser	Zack Jones	N/A
Prayer	Kelly Gibbs	Jim Kelley	N/A
Table Speaker	Charles Morris	Jay Houser	
Table Assist	Jim Taylor	Chuck Jones	
Read Scripture	Larry Clark	Greg Michael	
Closing Prayer	Tim Kirl	Gary Carothers	